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SUBJECT: UNFICYP REDUCTIONS

REF: STATE 91875 (BEING REPEATED BONN)

1. AS INDICATED REFTTEL, USG IS SEEKING TO PROMOTE FURTHER UNFICYP FORCE REDUCTIONS. OUR CONCERN IS TO MAINTAIN ORDERLY MOVEMENT TOWARD BASIC REORIENTATION OF UNFICYP'S SIZE AND FUNCTIONS LEST FINANCIAL BURDENS AND PENDING DANISH DECISION TO WITHDRAW LEAD TO PRECIPITATE UNRAVELING OF UNFICYP.

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2. WE RECOGNIZE SEARCH FOR CONSENSUS ON REDUCTIONS MAY WELL EXTEND BEYOND SC RENEWAL MEETING NOW SET FOR MAY 29 AND MAY ENCOUNTER OPPOSITION AS WE ENTER INTO MORE DETAILED ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION. MEANWHILE, HOWEVER, WE SEEK TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM OF CURRENT FORCE REDUCTIONS BY GAINING ASSENT OF PARTIES AND TROOP CONTRIBUTORS IN PRINCIPLE THAT REDUCTIONS SHOULD CONTINUE BEYOND PHASE II. WE HOPEFUL, OF COURSE, THAT OTHERS, INCLUDING SYG, WILL MAKE IT CLEAR AT MAY 29 SC MEETING THAT THEY SUPPORT (OR HAVE NO OBJECTION TO) FURTHER REDUCTIONS. IT UNLIKELY, HOWEVER, THAT SPECIFIC DECISIONS WILL BE TAKEN IN MAY SC MEETING FOR ADDITIONAL PERCENTAGE REDUCTIONS AND WE WOULD PROPOSE TO USE COMING MONTHSAFTER SC MEETING TO ACHIEVE AGREEMENT ON REDUCTIONS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WANT TO KEEP OUR DISCUSSION WITH PARTIES AND TROOP CONTRIBUTORS ON PARALLEL TRACKS. WE FEAR PARTIES MAY HAVE BEGUN TO GET INACCURATE ECHOES OF OUR DEMARCHES TO TROOP CONTRIBUTORS OR MAY RESENT OUR NOT CONSULTING THEM ON MATTER OF SUCH IMPORTANCE TO THEM. ACCORDINGLY, HAVING APPROACHED TROOP CONTRIBUTORS AND RECEIVED RESPONSES FROM ALL BUT UK WITH WHOM WE HAD SIMILAR DISCUSSION IN LATE MARCH, DEPT. NOW REQUESTS ACTION ADDRESSES TO TAKE EARLY OCCASION TO SHARE AGAIN WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS OUR THINKING PER PARAS. 3, 4, AND 5 REFTEL AND TO SEEK THEIR VIEWS. (FOR EMBASSY BONN, WE BELIEVE IT USEFUL TO KEEP FRG, AS OTHER MAJOR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTOR, APPRISED OF OUR EFFORTS AND TO SOLICIT THEIR VIEWS, SHOULD THEY CARE TO GIVE THEM.)

4. FOR EMBASSY ANKARA: WE CONCERNED TURKS IN PARTICULAR NOT READ OUR EFFORTS TOWARD REDUCTIONS AS CONSTITUTING UNDUE PRESSURE ON GOT OR TURK CYPRIOTS TO COME TO TERMS WITH GOC. EMBASSY SHOULD PROVIDE WHATEVER LOW-KEY ASSURANCES ON THIS POINT IT BELIEVES APPROPRIATE AT SAME TIME UNDERLINING LONGSTANDING AND CONSISTENT U.S. INTEREST IN ECONOMIZING AND RATIONALIZING UNFICYP.

5. FOR NICOSIA: WE WILL KEEP UN INFORMED IN GENERAL WAY AS WE GO ALONG. WE PLAN THAT PRIMARY POINT OF CONTACT WOULD BE SECRETARIAT IN NEW YORK PARTICULARLY SINCE WE DO CONFIDENTIAL

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NOT WANT PREM CHAND BUILDING BACKFIRES BUT NICOSIA AUTHORIZED FILL IN OSORIO AND UNFICYP LOCALLY AT ITS DISCRETION, BASED ON USUN REPORTS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH SECRETARIAT.

6. AFTER APPROACH TO PARTIES AND FRG, OUR NEXT STEP WILL BE TO DISCUSS WITH ALL CONCERNED DETAILED SUGGESTIONS FOR EVENTUAL SIZE AND ROLE OF UNFICYP AND PROGRAM FOR IMPLEMENTATION. SEPARATE MESSAGE THIS SUBJECT FOLLOWS. RUSH

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